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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 2111

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR USS BROWNSON AND NEW

REFS: (A) STATE 83532; (B) LISBON 1142 (NOTAL);

(C) LUANDA 384; (D) LUANDA 255 (NOTAL)

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A), EMBASSY HAS NOT NOTIFIED GOP OF PROPOSED VISIT; THEREFORE REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR SHIPS TO VISIT HAS NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED TO PROPER PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN LISBON. HOWEVER, INFORMAL NOTIFICATION ROUTE HAS BEEN PURSUED BY AMCONSUL LUANDA IN CONTACTS WITH LOCAL PORTUGUESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN LUANDA (REF C). YET PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES THERE ARE NOT IN POSITION (REF D) TO ACT ON SHIP VISITS WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FROM LISBON.

2. IN THE PAST WE HAVE PURSUED LISBON AND LOCAL (LUANDA OR LOURENCO MARQUES) ROUTES SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE LISBON ROUTE BEING THE OFFICIAL ONE AND THE LOCAL AN INFORMAL ONE. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED (REF B) THAT A MODIFIED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE MIGHT BE ADVISABLE DURING LIFETIME OF TRANSITION GOVERNMENTS, ATTEMPTING TO EAST OUT LISBON'S ROLE IN HANDLING AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS AND FORMALIZING ROLE OF CONTACTS WITH TRANSITION

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GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY HAS RAISED SUBJECT WITH GOP

INFORMALLY. TO DATE, HOWEVER, MATTER HAS NOT PROGRESSED
BEYOND THIS STAGE.

3. UNLESS WE PROCEED WITH FORMAL REQUEST TO GOP (VIA
DIPLOMATIC NOTE PRESENTED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN
LISBON) ASAP, WE RUN RISK OF HAVING ALTERED UNILATERALLY
EXISTING NOTIFICATION/AUTHORIZATION REQUEST PROCEDURE. PENDING
RECEIPT OF GOP ASSENT TO SOME ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE THAT
OVERLOOKS QUESTION OF CONTINUING PORTUGUESE SOVEREIGNTY DURING
LIFETIME OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS, WE FEEL IT ADVISABLE TO
MAINTAIN THE OLD PROCEDURE UNCHANGED.

4. EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION FROM DEPARTMENT
THAT WE DELIVER NOTE TO FONMIN.
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